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For: **STABILIZED COMPOSITION COMPRISING A
BENZIMIDAZOLE TYPE COMPOUND**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, line 2, delete the comma after "acid)" and insert -- and/or --.

Page 19, line 14, delete "As" and insert / The smaller the average of the
particle diameter of the crospovidone was, the smaller the ratio of the swelling of the
tablets became. Therefore, as --.

Page 19, lines 15 and 16, delete "the ratio of the swelling of the tablets is
decreased. Therefore,".

Page 20, line 1, after "analogue" insert -- (impurities) --.

Page 21, line 4, after "analogue" insert -- (impurities) --.

Page 23, line 1, delete "active" and after "granules" and before the period insert
-- containing sodium rabeprazole --.